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Dear Examiner Patterson:

This is a response to the First Office Action, dated 21 January 2009. The Applicant asks that the Examiner enter the amendments contained herein, withdraw all applicable rejections and objections, and allow the remaining claims. In the alternative, the Applicant requests that, prior to any further rejections or objections, the Examiner contact the Applicant's representative.

REMARKS/COMMENTS begin on page 2 of this paper.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.